RHES Y CAE - SETTLEMENT SERVICE AUDIT

Settlement Commentary

Rhes y Cae is a very small rural settlement situated on Halkyn Mountain and is surrounded by common land. It is a compact village and easily definable on a map. Rhes y Cae has few services and facilities. The School closed some years ago and residents are reliant upon services within nearby towns and villages including Mold. The settlement lies within an isolated rural area of Flintshire, which in combination with poor service provision and infrequent bus services makes it difficult to access services without private transport.

	Settlement No. of Dwellings				
2000 UDP Baseline Figure	70				
2014 Housing Land Study	86				

	Settlement Population			
2001 Census	301			
2011 Census	355			

Summary of Recorded Service Provision

The survey work was undertaken in November 2014 and has since been updated to take account of new information or feedback from Members / Town and Community Councils.

Education Facilities

Pre-School /	No
Nursery	
Provision	
Primary	No, nearest
school	Lixwm (school
	closed in RYC)
Secondary	No
school	
College	No
Other	No
Education	
Facility	

Leisure & Reci Facilities	reation
Indoor leisure	No
centre /	
sports facility	
Swimming	No
pool	
Formal	No
outdoor	
sports facility	
Formal	Yes, Play Area
outdoor play	
facility /area	

Community & Health

Community	Yes, Village			
centre / hall	Hall			
Civic offices /	No			
facility				
Library	Mobile Library			
	Service,			
	Outside the			
	OAP			
	bungalows. Fri			
	2.45-3.45pm			
	once / twice			
	month (varies)			
Hospital	No			
Doctors	No			
surgery				

Dentist	No
surgery	
Pharmacy	No
Place of	Yes, Christ
worship	church –
	Church in
	Wales; Chapel

Retail & Commercial Related

Supermarket	No
Non-food retail units	No
Convenience shop	No
Other shops	No
Café / Take away	No

Bank/Building Society	No
Free Standing of a Bank - Cashpoint	No
Public house / club / restaurant	Miners Arms (presently closed)
Post office	No
Post box	Yes
Petrol Filling Station	No

Employment

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Transport

Rail station	No
Bus station /	Yes
stop	
Bus service	"Yes, Bus
frequency	routes 14C and
	127
	14C – 3 buses a
	day to both
	Holywell and
	Mold (Mon to
	Sat)
Cycle route	No
Access to	No, accessed
main highway	via rural roads
network	

Broadband Provision

According to the latest OFCOM data (2013) Rhes Y Cae post codes (where data is available) have a median average broadband range of 1.7-5.8 mega-bytes per second with an average of 5mbps. This poor level of broadband provision will adversely impact the ability of local residents and businesses alike whether in day to day business activities or for accessing online services such as banking, post office services or online shopping.

Other Comments

None.

Previous Surveys of Service Provision

Over the last fifteen years the bakers/general shop and the local school have both closed.

Year of Survey	Public House	General Shop	PFS and Shop	Post Office	Cashpoint	Health / Medical Facility	Community Centre & or other Building	
2000 (UDP Survey)		1			na			1
2006 (Student Survey)	1	-	-	-	na	-	-	1
2010 (Pub is the Hub Survey)	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1

Mapping Service Provision

The service provision within the village has been mapped for illustrative purposes and is presented overleaf. As the image suggests service provision in Rhes y Cae is limited.

